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FOLLOWING BEIRUT 4061 SENT ACTION SECSTATE MAY 6; REPEATED
TO YOU QUOTE

S E C R E T BEIRUT 4061

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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

E.O. '11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, PINT

SUBJECT: PHALANGE AND ASAD ON SECURITY

1. PHALANGIST DELEGATION RETURNED FROM DAMASCUS WHILE
I WAS MEETING WITH LEADERS.

2. ASAD TOLD PHALANGISTS THAT SYRIA COULD NOT REPEAT NOT
INTERVENE MASSIVELY BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN PREVENTED FROM
DOING SO BY AMERICANS. ASAD LET DELEGATION READ TRANS-
CRIPTS OF ALL RECENT TALKS MURPHY HAS HAD INCLUDING
ONE PAPER HE IDENTIFIED AS AN OFFICIAL NOTE FROM USG.
ASAD SAID IF AMERICANS DROPPED THEIR VETO, HE COULD

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SUPPLY FORCE MARONITES THINK NECESSARY.

3. DELEGATION TOLD HIM SAIQA BECOMING URELIABLE.
ON ONE SECTION OF FRONT WHERE SAIQA WAS SUPPOSED TO
INTERVENE BETWEEN PARTIES, A SAIQA UNIT HAD INSTEAD JOINED
IN FIGHT. PHALANGE KNEW THIS TO BE FACT BECAUSE IT TOOK
PRISONERS. THEY ASKED ASAD TO SEND SOLID REPLACEMENTS
IMMEDIATELY. HE ALLEGED ASAD IMMEDIATELY PHONED ARMY
HEADQUARTERS AND SO ORDERED.

4. INFO CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT TELL
US IF ADDITIONAL FORCES HAVE IN FACT ARRIVED OR WHETHER
A REPLACEMENT GOING ON.

5. ABOVE WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT PHALANGE (AND
SYRIA) ARE DETERMINED TO SEE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE ON
SCHEDULE. ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTIES WHETHER THEY TAKE PLACE
OR NOT AND BELIEVE THAT, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, THEY MIGHT
JUST AS WELL TRY TO GO AHEAD. (DISADVANTAGE OF WAITING
FOR THIRD CANDIDATE NOTED IN SEPTEL.) BROWN UNQUOTE
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